

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TOKYO 05833 210950Z

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 ERDA-05 AID-05 CEA-01 COME-00 EB-08

FEAE-00 FPC-01 INT-05 OMB-01 OES-06 STR-04

TRSE-00 ACDA-07 EUR-12 DLOS-09 IO-13 /132 W

-----211938Z 040605 /56

R 210901Z APR 77

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE 7138

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION IAEA VIENNA

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 5833

E. 9. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, US, JA

SUBJ: JAPANESE REACTION TO REPROCESSING TALKS

SUMMARY. OVERSHADOWED BY SOVIET-JAPANESE FISHERIES IMPASSE AND DOMESTIC RAIL STRIKES, MEDIA COVERAGE OF FIRST ROUND OF REPROCESSING TALKS IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN THUS FAR COMARATIVELY MODEST AND MIXED. CLOSE FUKUDA AIDE REITERATED THAT PRIMIN HIMSELF SEEKS SOLUTION TO ISSUE OVER TIME, NOT SUDDEN BREAKTHROUGH. END SUMMARY.

1. REACTION TO CONCLUSION OF FIRST ROUND OF REPROCESSING TALKS IN WASHINTON HAS TAKEN DEFINITE BACK SEAT TO BREAKOFF OF FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS AND NATIONWIDE TRANSPORTATION STRIKES. REACTION TO REPROCESSING TALKS THEMSELVES HAS BEEN MIXED. IN ONLY LEAD ARTICLE ON SUBJECT, ASAHI FOUND GOJ DISAPPOINTED AT RESULTS. "UNDERSTANDING" APRIL 7 STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT AND FLEXIBILITY ATTRIBUTED TO WHITE HOUSE STAFFERS, ACCORDING CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TOKYO 05833 210950Z

TO ASAHI, RASIED JAPANESE HOPES ONLY TO HAVE THEM DASHED BY UNYIELDING STATE DEPARTMENT STANCE. STATE DEPARTMENT INSISTED, ASAHI ASSERTED, THAT TOKAI REPORCESSING PLANS BE MODIFIED BUT WOULD GIVE NO SPECIFICS. THUS, ASAHI CONCLUDED, DELAY OF TOKAI START-UP WAS CERTAIN AND US EVEN REMAINED OPPOSED TO BRITISH OR FRENCH REPROCESSING OF JAPANESE SPENT FUEL.

2. NIHON KEIZAI, ON OTHER HAND, QUOTED MORE OPTIMISTIC "GOVERNMENT SOURCES" WHO CONTINUED TO SEE POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE TO SUPPORT THEIR VIEW, SOURCES CITED APPARENT FLEXIBILITY OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS AND POSSIBILITY OF WIDESPREAD OPPOSITION TO US POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS AS LIKELY TO LEAD TO INCREASED US WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE.

3. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, CLOSE AIDE TO PRIMIN FUKUDA REITERATED TO EMBOFF APRIL 20 THAT, DESPITE CRISIS FLAVOR OF SUCH MEDIA COMMENT ON REPROCESSING ISSUE, PRIMIN HIMSELF WAS WORKING TOWARD SOLUTION OVER TIME AND NEITHER SOUGHT NOR EXPECTED ANY DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGH.

4. COMMENT. OVER NEXT FEW DAYS WE WILL BE TALKING WITH THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN WASHINGTON TALKS.
SHOESMITH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, NEGOTIATIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 21-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977TOKYO05833
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770139-0216
Format: TEL
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770431/aaaabavr.tel
Line Count: 78
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 163a30a1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2731959
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: JAPANESE REACTION TO REPROCESSING TALKS SUMMARY. OVERSHADOWED BY SOVIET-JAPANESE FISHERIES IMPASSE AND DOMESTIC RAIL STRIKES, MEDIA COVERAGE OF FIRS T ROU
TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, PARM, US, JA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/163a30a1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009